

Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record. The rejection is traversed for reasons of record.

Relying on 35 U.S.C. 102(b), the Examiner rejected claims 10 and 12 as being anticipated by Lin, for reasons of record. Claim 12 depends from claim 10 and is patentable for that reason alone. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection for reasons of record. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 102(b).

This case seems ready for appeal in view of the noted differences of record, unless further constructive insights can be provided by the Examiner.

Applicants have reviewed the prior art made of record and believe that singly or in any suitable combination, they do not render Applicants' claimed invention unpatentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendment, the claims are now respectfully submitted to be patentable and favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

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